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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of William Francis Galvin and John A. Hart, Jr., relative to the notification of parents of children enrolled in non-public elementary and secondary schools or charter schools if it is the intention of the administration of the schools to cease operation or to discontinue any grade year. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO NON-PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 76 of the General Laws, as most recently appearing in  
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 Section 2A as so appearing a new section as follows:  
4 2B. Duties of Approved Non-Public and Charter Schools to  
5 Notify Parents of Discontinuation of School, Penalty.  
6 Every approved non-public elementary and secondary school or  
7 charter school shall notify the parents of any children enrolled in  
8 the school in writing if it is the intention of the administration of  
9 the school to cease operation or to discontinue any grade year.  
10 The notice required by this section shall be given at least one hun-  
11 dred days prior to the end of the then current school year, or  
12 before the first day of March whichever comes earlier. Failure to  
13 provide such notice as required by this section shall make the  
14 school liable to the parents for damages in a civil action and in  
15 appropriate cases as the trial court may determine said damages  
16 may be tripled.  
17 These notice provisions shall not apply to institutions where the  
18 discontinuation of the school is caused by fire, or natural disaster.